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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the invention at page 1 with the following amended title:

STATOR BAR WITH EXTRUDED GROUNDWALL
INSULATION ~~EXTRUDED ELECTRICAL INSULATION~~
~~AND METHOD FOR A STATOR BAR~~

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Figures 5 and 6 represent features that can be incorporated into any one of the embodiments of Figures 2 through 4 to mechanically secure together the edges 40, 42, 140, 142, 240, and 242 of the extrusion members 26, 28, 126 and 128. Figure 5 represents a portion of the edge 40 of one of the extruded members 26 and 28 of Figure 2, modified to have a pair of slots 48 ~~slots 46~~ formed therein. Figure 6 is a plan view showing the seam defined by opposing edges 40 and 42 of the extruded members 26 and 28, in which each edge 40 and 42 has been modified to include opposing pairs of slots 48 ~~slots 46~~ of the type

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represented in Figure 5. Figure 6 further represents the presence of pegs 50 received in the opposing pairs of slots 48. ~~a peg 48~~ ~~partially received in the opposing pair of slots 46.~~ An interference fit between the pegs 50 and slots 48 ~~pegs 48 and the slots 46~~ creates a mechanical interlocking effect between the opposing edges 40 and 42 of the extruded members 26 and 28. The interlocking effect can be supplemented by welding the edges 40 and 42 together, as discussed previously.